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(57) Abstract

A surface transfer has a water-permeable paper substrate (10) with a release layer (12) and a barrier layer (14) thereon. A design layer (16) is ink-jet printed onto the barrier layer (14). The transfer is applied to a region of a surface to be decorated so that the design layer contacts the surface. An adhesive is used to secure the design layer (16) to the surface. Subsequently, the paper substrate (10) is dampened to soften the release layer (12) and is then peeled away to reveal the design layer.